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Hongkong, January 27, 1896. 218

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE is hereby given that
MR. ALFRED F. O. KRAUSS, and
MR. PHILLIP BERNARD
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REINDED from our Firm on the 31st December, 1895, and that
MR. FRIEDRICH CARL PAUL
SACHSE,
MR. CHARLES ERNEST RAYNER,
MR. CUSTAV ADOLPH DEGENER
BÖNING,
have to-day been ADMITTED PARTNERS.
CARLOWITZ & CO.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1896. 1

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

MESSRS. ARNHOLD, KARBERG &
CO. have This Day been appointed
SUB-AGENTS of the above Company.
1st January, 1896.

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WITH Reference to the above we are
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PROPERTY,
SITUATED AT THE PEAK, VICTORIA,
HONGKONG,
TO BE SOLD BY
PUBLIC AUCTION,
ON

THURSDAY,

the 30th January, 1896, at 3 o'clock p.m.,
at the Premises.

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MR. G. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

ALL THAT piece of GROUND, situate at the PEAK between Mount Kellett and Aberdeen New Road, Hongkong, abutting North on Government Ground and measuring thereon 89 feet, South on Government Ground and measuring thereon 123 feet, East on Government Ground immediately adjoining Aberdeen Road and measuring thereon 274 feet and West on Government Ground immediately adjoining Mount Kellett Road and measuring thereon 245 feet containing in the whole 27,500 square feet registered in the LAND OFFICE as RURAL BUILDING LOT No. 57.

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There is also a full-sized TENNIS COURT.

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The Messuage has only recently been roofed and thoroughly repaired—and is well protected from Typhoons, facing South.

The Lot is situated in one of the best parts of the Peak, having an uninterrupted view of the Village of Aberdeen and bay immediately beneath, and extensive views of the Sea and Islands in the distance.

For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

MATTHEW J. D. STEPHENS,
Vendor's Solicitor,
18, Bank Buildings, Hongkong,
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GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer,
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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will LET by Public
Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 1st day of February, 1896, at 3 p.m.,
on the Spot.

THESE VARIOUS LOTS

NUMBERED 1 TO 18
On Plan to be kept at the Auctioneer's
Rooms, for ERECTION of BOOTH'S
and MATCHEDS on the GROUNDS adjoining the RACE COURSE,
North of the GRAND STAND ENCLOSURE,
Term—Cash.

For Condition of Sale, apply to

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 28, 1896. 107

NOTICES to Consignees.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Belona*, Capt. von Bremen,
having arrived in the above Ports.
Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested
to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-
signature by the Undersigned, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods from
alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before
NOON To-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding for discharge will
be landed into the Godowns of the Hong-
kong & Kowloon WHARFS & GODOWNS Co., Ltd.,
and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods
remaining undelivered after the 1st Feb.
will be subject to rent.

All broken, clashed, and damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they
will be examined on the 1st Feb., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSEN & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 27, 1896. 206

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP ETON,
FROM ANWERP, LONDON AND
STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby
informed that all Goods are being
landed at their risk into the Godowns of
the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARFS &
GODOWNS COMPANY, at Kowloon, whence
and/or from the Wharves delivery may be
obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods
remaining undelivered after the 29th Inst.
will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be
presented to the Undersigned on or before
the 29th Inst., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, clashed, and damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they
will be examined on the 29th Inst., at 3 p.m.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by
DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 23, 1896. 184

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND
PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

The Steamship
Adams,
Captain R. INNES, will be
dispatched as above on
WEDNESDAY, the 5th proximo, at Day-
light.

The attention of Passengers is directed to
the Superior Accommodation offered
by this Steamer. First-class Saloon is
situated forward of the Engine.
A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the
supply of Fresh Provisions during the
entire voyage. A duly-qualified Surgeon is
carried, and the Vessel is fitted throughout
with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 28, 1896. 215

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG BRICK AND CEMENT
COMPANY, LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION).

MESSRS. SHUWAN & CO. have been
appointed AGENTS for the SALE of
ALL ARTICLES hitherto supplied by the
above Company.

C. EWENS,
Liquidator.

Hongkong, January 28, 1896. 223

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND
TAIWANFOO.

The Co.'s Steamship
Thales,
Capt. BATHURST, will be
dispatched for the above
Ports on THURSDAY, the 30th Instant, at Day-
light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 28, 1896. 222

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship
Foochow,
Captain BLACKBURN,
will be dispatched on
THURSDAY, the 30th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 20, 1896. 224

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR WUHU.

The Steamship
Kunlun,
Captain SOMMERVILLE,
will be dispatched on
SUNDAY, the 2nd Proximo.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 28, 1896. 225

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE AND
HAMBURG.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to
ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTER-
DAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON,
LIVERPOOL AND BREMEN.)

The Steamship
Thales,
Capt. E. CHRISTIANSEN,
will be dispatched for the above Ports on
WEDNESDAY, the 5th February, instead of as previously
advertised.

For Freight, apply to
SIEMSEN & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 28, 1896. 120

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR LONDON, HAMBURG AND
ANTWERP.

TO FOLLOW THE S.S. *Glamorgan*.

The Steamship
Kunlun,
Captain Davies, will be
dispatched for the above
Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 5th Febr., instead of as previously
advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
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Hongkong, January 28, 1896. 101

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Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination	Vessel	Agents	Date of Loading
Australian Ports	Chingiu (6)	Butterfield & Swire	Feb. 5, daylight.
Japan	Verona (4)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Feb. 4, at 9 a.m.
London & Ports of Call	Kaisow (6)	Holiday, Wise & Co.	Jan. 31 at noon.
London & Ports of Call	Pochawu (6)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 30, at noon.
London & Suez Canal	Orestes (6)	Butterfield & Swire	January 31.
London & Suez Canal	Admiral (6)	Butterfield & Swire	February 1.
London	Calais (6)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Feb. 7.
Madras	Carib (6)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Feb. 16.
Macassar	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Jan. 29, at 5 p.m.
Manila	Natua (4)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About Feb. 5.
Manila	Denmark (6)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	February 4.
Manila	Lyamson (4)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Jan. 30, at 4 p.m.
New York	Lemna (6)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Feb. 1, at noon.
New York	John R. Kelly	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	January 28.
New York	Daniel Barnes	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	January 29.
New York	Belgic (6)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	February 1.
China (5)	China (5)	Holiday, Wise & Co.	Feb. 1, at noon.
San Francisco	Hoover (6)	Holiday, Wise & Co.	Feb. 8, at noon.
San Francisco	Macmillan (6)	Holiday, Wise & Co.	Feb. 1, at noon.
Shanghai	Foochow (6)	Butterfield & Swire	Jan. 30, at 3 p.m.

INFORMATION was given to the Police on 14th September last that the *Belona* was about to clear with passengers in excess of the number allowed. Inspector Hansen with another constable went to inquire into the matter; and on the following morning the Inspector boarded the *Belona*, which was lying at Massar Jardim's wharf. When he went on board preparations were being made for departure. On the fore-hatch he saw twelve Chinese passengers who had return tickets for Singapore issued by Messrs. Slemmons and Co. He inquired of the Chief Officer for the Captain, and stated he had come to count the passengers. Being told Captain von Binsz was in the after part of the ship, he proceeded to the after hatch which was fastened down and ordered the officer to remove it. The constable went below, and sent up a number of Chinese whom the Inspector counted in presence of the Captain. In all there were 68. The Captain asked if he would leave an order for payment to be made by the agents; but the Inspector advised him to put them on shore as he had not sufficient life-saving appliances aboard for all these passengers. Seventy-seven of the Chinese had invalid tickets, or tickets which had been used on a former voyage, to Singapore, which they said had been sold them by various lodging-house keepers at 87 each, while nineteen had no tickets. The Inspector then sent the passengers on shore, and took the 77 who had tickets to the lodging-houses where they obtained them. He compelled the lodging-house keepers to return the money. The lodging-house keepers said they had sold the tickets for the cook of the *Belona*. A few days ago the *Belona* returned to port, and to-day Captain Van Blinter was charged with attempting to leave the waters of the Colony on the 15th September with 96 persons in excess of the number allowed by his port clearance. He denied the charge, but after the evidence had been led he was fined \$200, with \$2 for each of the 96 passengers—in all \$392.

The Colonel Rhodes who has been arrested at Johannesburg is said to have been private secretary to Sir Archibald Amos, when he was acting Governor of the Straits.

Fran broke out on the steamer *Sakata Maru* on the 11th, causing damage to the cargo to the extent of \$60,000. The *Sakata Maru* arrived back in Kobe on the 13th instant.

A SENSATIONAL nugget, from the Devon Consols mine, is now being exhibited at Coolgardie. It is mostly pure gold, and weighs three hundred and three ounces ten dwt. It is the largest nugget unearthed in Western Australia up to date.

It is reported in native official circles that owing to the Japanese government claiming jurisdiction over Chinese in Japan the ex-Viceroy Li has inserted a clause in the new Commercial Treaty, now being discussed at Peking, giving a corresponding privilege to China so far as Japanese are concerned. The Japanese Minister refuses to consent to this clause, in consequence of which the negotiations are at a standstill.—N.C. Daily News.

This Nanking correspondent of the *N.C. Daily News* writes:—One thousand horses arrived here a few days ago from the north to supply an order of Chang Chih-ung who wishes to organise a troop of cavalry. Reports with regard to his going still conflict, and while it seems most likely that the Chinese New Year will find him gone, it is hardly possible he may manage to hold the post.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and the Chartered Bank, advertise a slight alteration in their rates of interest. On fixed deposits one half per cent less is to be paid in future; on current accounts the rate will be one per cent on the daily balances—except when the accrued interest for six months does not amount to \$3.—Singapore Free Press.

This remains of the man found at Wanchai Gap on Sunday were conveyed to the Government Mortuary last night, and from the uniform which were clinging to the skeleton were identified as those of Private Barton of the Rifle Brigade who has been missing since last June. The poor fellow, who is believed to have been insane, had wandered from the Seepo Sanitarium, but it is not known how he met his death. An inquest will be held.

We regret to hear that a couple of fatal accidents occurred on board the *S.S. Baltimore* between Yokohama and Hongkong. Henry Weston was not watching when several of the boat's crew had secured and the wheel and biplane came adrift. Mr. Cooper, the carpenter, was dashed on the deck and fractured his skull, while Mr. Jason, the captain of the forecastle, was washed overboard and lost. Several others of the crew were injured to a greater or less extent.—*British Sun*.

The impending impeachment of Sheng Taotai, who is still in Shanghai, is attracting much notice in native circles in Peking and Tientsin (says the *N.C. Daily News*). This step has been so often threatened that most foreigners are now completely sceptical as to its ever being carried out. The delay, however, has been entirely due to the preliminary investigations, and to the fact that it was concentrated in collecting evidence from the several provinces in which the *Shih-chi* had been held. Li Ping-he, the Gouverneur of Shanghai, has now completed his report, and it is generally believed that he will meet with short shrift and small favour.

Keep your eye on Japan (says the San Francisco Chronicle). The importation into that country of cloots and hats is rapidly decreasing, and the Japanese factories will be able, at an early date, to supply the entire demand, and the name to be said of glass and hardware and hats and caps. The next thing to be export of their surplus of manufacture, and with their cheap labor and versatility and adaptability, what is the American workingman to do? If he comes into direct competition with the Japanese, it may just force a protective tariff upon Great Britain.

Banjos, Guitars, Mandolins, Autoharp, Violins, also Drums and Bells for sale at W. Robinson and Co.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[Supplied to the "China Mail."]

LONDON, January 26, 1896.

THE REPORTED RUSSO-TURKISH TREATY.

The conclusion of a Treaty between Russia and Turkey is denied.

THE ITALIANS IN ABYSSINIA.

The Italians have evacuated Makaleh with arms and munitions. King Menelik is treating for peace.

THE POLITICAL HORIZON.

Mr Chamberlain, speaking at Birmingham, said that there were signs of the political storm abating, and that Germany's unexpected and unprovoked hostility was passing away.

HONG KONG BRICK AND CEMENT COMPANY.

An extraordinary general meeting of this Company was held in its Registered Office, No. 9, Praya Central to-day. Mr. R. Shearman presided. The others present were: Messrs. W. H. Potts, G. H. Potts, S. S. Benjamin, A. G. Stokoe, Paul Jordan, J. S. Wattie, W. Shewell, C. A. Tones, F. J. Jorge, H. Winkling, C. M. Adamson, and W. A. Duff, secretary.

Mr. W. A. Duff, the secretary, read the notice calling the meeting, which was called for the confirmation of the following resolution passed at the extraordinary meeting of the Company on the 11th inst., viz.:—"That the Hong Kong Brick and Cement Company, Ltd., be wound up voluntarily under the provisions of the Companies Ordinance 1885 to 1890, and that Creasy Evans, of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such winding up."

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, you have heard the object of this meeting, which is to pass the resolution just read, and I propose that the resolution passed at the last extraordinary meeting be confirmed.

Mr. S. Benjamin seconded.

The Chairman—That is all the business, gentlemen. I thank you for your attendance.

MUSICAL NOTES.

I see by your Saturday evening's issue that Signorina Bellinfonia purposes giving another Concert on Thursday, the 6th proximo. This is a great mistake, and I am afraid she has been ill-advised, for there are so many things on at present—I have even been informed that there is a "Smoker" on board the *Victor Emmanuel* fixed for that evening)—that nearly everybody, more especially the musical portion of the community, is overwhelmed with rehearsals and other engagements. I feel convinced the result will be a poor audience. I can guarantee this statement, and even if it may appear a harsh one I am quite sure the Signorina will forgive me. I can only repeat I am surprised that her imprese are not better advised her.

Our Tontonic friends (always to the fore in matters musical) have engaged the Signorina to sing at their Club next Friday, when she will discourse nothing but German Classical music. I have not seen the programme yet, but it is sure to be a good one, and no doubt the recipients of invitations must consider themselves lucky.

Taking it all round her Concert at the City Hall last Monday was a musical success, although I must admit it was a little disappointed with the *Diva*. There was no doubt she had a big task before her (this appears to be the favourite theme in all of her newspaper criticisms), but that should in no way deteriorate her singing. In fact, it would be as well for all critics to remember that that sort of thing is no excuse at all, and I trust never to see it again in print in Hongkong. For a professional, it is nothing to sing a difficult leading part in a good opera all the way through.

In the *Press* we have a word-picture of Paderevski. They are all from American papers which are never supposed to be funny, eh?—Re his "Polish" *Fantasia*. One writer describes it as "a wild bizarre production, glowing in colour and astonishing effects, which defy analysis without recourse to the score." Apparently he did not have the *Fantasia* in evidence. An impressionless critic, however, has called it "a wild fantasia, a *Polish* *Fantasia*." The *Mazurka*, *Gracovienne*, and *Dumka* are in evidence.

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In the *Press* we have a word-picture of the great pianist bowing his chrysanthemum head in his stiff way until it seems as if it must snap off. The artist is not described, soberly, as repeating a piece at the wish of his audience. The *Press* chooses to remark: "So he breathed again on the dead strings and again they pulsated with thrilling life," which is very pretty. I learn from the same paper that "men can't feel, but women must weep" when they hear Paderevski, which is an ingenious application of Charles Kingsley.

The Masonic Smoker, which was a great success, has already been reported upon fully, so may be relegated to the past. Still I mention it, as I understand that there have been several requests to continue them, and have them bi-monthly (if I may coin such a word) or monthly. I think this a great mistake and trust the demand for more should be tabooed. It is all very well feeling like Oliver Twist, when things turn out success, but surely Hongkong cannot still be hungry for Smokers. And yet we are having a surfeit of them as it is.

Gilbert and Sullivan's *Trial by Jury* (first performance down for Saturday, 8th prox.) to judge by the rehearsals promises to be a great success. The small Orchestra is doing wonders and, I hear, is augmented by a few men from the *Centurion* band. I am very pleased to hear this, for there are practically no organs or bass reads among our amateurs, and as every one knows they are the foundation instruments in every orchestra.

I clip the following extract from the *Musical Times*:

"Leighorn.—Signor Massagno's opera 'Silvana,' revised and in part re-written by its composer, has just been produced here and has met with far more favourable reception than that accorded it at Milan and Naples. The libretto, which is the work of Signor Targioni Tozzetti, is a kind of pendant to that of 'Cavallina Rusticana.' Signor Gennina Bellinfonia sang the part of Silvana and Signor Stagno that of Silvana. There was full house and the composer, who conducted his performance, was chosen before the footlights many times."

The *Press* continues: "The remaining of Paganini have been exhibited in this town, for the purpose of removal to a more prominent site. It is still remarkably well preserved."

From the same source, I read that on the 21st ultimo at a Philharmonic Concert given at the Queen's Hall under the conductor of Sir Alex. Mackenzie, the *Orpheus* (first performed in 1892) was down for the second half of the programme. The criticism runs, "Madame Amy Sherwin sang the trying solo 'There's the world,' and Miss Florence Power rendered the duet also solo music, in a most praiseworthy manner, particularly the exacting and remarkable number entitled 'Tis nature's voice." Other solos were Miss Marion Blinckhorn, Mr. Ivor McKay, Mr. Arthur Cavall, and Mr. Watkin Mills. Miss Amy Sherwin all your readers will remember was with us about six years ago. Miss Florence Power is the youngest sister, I understand, of two of the best baritones we have had, now unfortunately absent from Hongkong.

Here are some very funny remarks on Paderevski. They are all from American papers which are never supposed to be funny, eh?—Re his "Polish" *Fantasia*. One writer describes it as "a wild bizarre production, glowing in colour and astonishing effects, which defy analysis without recourse to the score." Apparently he did not have the *Fantasia* in evidence. An impressionless critic, however, has called it "a wild fantasia, a *Polish* *Fantasia*." The *Mazurka*, *Gracovienne*, and *Dumka* are in evidence.

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NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL

GOLDFIELDS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA. Perth, Dec. 27.—A return forwarded to the Premier from Mr. John Wilson, Mayor of Kalgoorlie, gives the output of the Great Boulder from the 10th April to the 3rd Dec. this year as 3831 tons of stone, yielding 24,712 oz., or an average of 61 oz. to the ton. The Lake View output from the 16th Nov., 1894, to the 25th November this year, was 3311 tons, yielding 9319 oz., giving an average of 1 oz. to the ton.

CHARGE AGAINST A GERMAN BARON.

London, Dec. 29.—Baron Hauermann, ex-leader of the Conservative party in Germany, has been arrested at Athens on a charge of forgery and fraud.

GERMAN EAST AFRICA.

London, Dec. 31.—Major von Wissman, who was recently appointed Governor of German East Africa, is said to retire owing to quarrels with his officers.

THE VENEZUELAN BOUNDARY COMMISSION. London, Jan. 2.—President Cleveland has appointed the following members of the commission to define the boundary of Venezuela and British Guiana:—Chief Justice Siray, of the district of Columbia, Maryland; Mr. White, Republican; Mr. Collier, a Tammany Democrat; Dr. Daniel C. Gilman, president of the Johns Hopkins University, of Baltimore; and Mr. David J. Brewer, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, Washington.

ENGLAND AND VENEZUELA.

London, Dec. 31.—The Venezuelans are fortifying the Harbour of Maracaibo, situated at the head of an inlet of the Caribbean Sea. Several members of the Venezuelan Chamber of Deputies have left Caracas, the capital of the republic, with the view of arranging a South American alliance against Great Britain.

THE TRANSVAAL.

London, Dec. 27.—The Government of President Kruger, head of the Transvaal Republic, is quietly making preparations for any possible outbreak. It has imported a number of Maxim guns, and has expended £250,000 upon the forts of Pretoria and Johannesburg.

Jan. 2.—The Duke of Fife denies the report that the Queen had ordered him to resign the directorship of the British South Africa Company.

Jan. 3.—The British South Africa Company held a meeting in London yesterday for the purpose of considering an imperative letter from Mr. Chamberlain demanding that the Company should repudiate the action of Dr. Janse, the Company's Administrator in Mafikengland. The chairman of the Company was authorized to cable to Dr. Janse, dissenting from his invasion of the Transvaal.

An Agent for the Transvaal Government has proceeded to Berlin to request the enlistment of German military officers for the Boer Army. He has also been instructed to place orders for a supply of machine guns.

Private telegrams received in London to-day from South Africa state that Dr. Janse will be tried by court-martial. The officers will be released. The Royal Highlanders (42nd Foot) (the Black Watch), stationed in South Africa, have been ordered to March on the Bechuanas frontier. They have been instructed to stop any further invasion of the Transvaal, and to shoot any who may make the attempt.

London, Jan. 9.—It is reported that the Germans had made every preparation for landing a force in Delagoa Bay to march to the assistance of the Boers in the event of the latter being defeated in their recent encounter with the force under Dr. Janse. THE "STATIST'S" PRIZE OF 1000 GUINEAS.

London, December 23.—The proprietors of the Statist have received 75 entries in the competition for the prize of 1000 guineas offered by that journal for the best scheme of an Imperial Customs Union. Several of the essays sent in are from the Australian colonies.

January 2.—The total number of essays sent in for the prize of 1000 guineas offered by the proprietors of the Statist for the scheme of an Imperial Customs Union is 137.

THE CANADIAN GOVERNOR-GENERAL AND THE DEFENCE.

London, January 2.—In his speech at the opening of the Dominion Parliament at Ottawa, the Earl of Aberdeen, the Governor-General, refers to the necessity for making better provision for arming the militia and for strengthening the defences.

RETURN OF COLOMBIA.

London, Dec. 31.—The Spanish Minister in the Republic of Colombia, South America, has been exiled by the Government from Bogota, the capital, for having protested against the treatment of Mr. Jensen, the British Minister and Consul-General, who was accused of having an interest in a chain made by a London firm of contractors against the Colombian authorities.

COLLIER EXPLOSION IN BRUSSELS.

London, Dec. 31.—A terrible explosion has occurred in a colliery at Utrecht, Prussia. Fifty miners were either killed or injured.

GROUNDING OF A CUNARD LINER.

London, Jan. 2.—The Cunard liner, Ophelia, went aground during a dense fog of Holyhead. The passengers were landed in safety. The vessel got off again and has reached Holyhead. Her hull is seriously injured.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL HOLSBOROUGH.

London, Jan. 2.—Lieutenant-Colonel Holbrough, the officer commanding the 3rd Infantry Regiment, New South Wales, has been made a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George (O.M.G.). ADDENDA TO BE ANNEXED.

London, Jan. 2.—Colonel Sir F. Scott, the commandant of the British expedition to Coomassie, has informed a local chief that the British Government intends to annex Ashantee.

A MASONIC CASE.

London, Jan. 2.—In the Masonic case of Podmore v. Butler, a commission appointed by the English Grand Lodge is examining Mr. Philpot on behalf of the claim of the Cambrian Lodge of New South Wales.

MRS. STANLEY DECLARED INSANE.

London, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Stella Stewart, widow of the late Mr. Charles Stewart, the famous Irish National Leader, has been declared to be insane, and has been placed in a hospital for the insane at New York.

THE CUBAN INSURRECTION.

London, Dec. 30.—General Martinez Campos, the Spanish Commander in Cuba, has recorded a great victory in Havana, the capital, by 50,000 inhabitants.

PROTECTION IN AMERICA.

London, Dec. 29.—The Foreign Committee of the United States House of Representatives has reported in favour of Mr. Bayard, the South African Minister in London, in reference to the charges against him based on his recent speech in Edinburgh, in which he criticised the protective policy of the United States. The House adopted the report.

NEW YORK YACHT CLUB.

London, Dec. 30.—Another member of the New York Yacht Club, the discovery of the existence of which recently caused a sensation in that city, has committed suicide. This makes the eighth member who has taken his life.

DEATH OF AN ACTRESS.

London, Dec. 31.—The death is announced of Mrs. Stirling, the actress. The late Mrs. Stirling was famous in the old Haymarket days, under Buckstone. She was also favourably known for her impersona-

tion of the Nurse, which she played to Mary Anderson's Juliet, and she also appeared in Henry Irving's revivals.

THE SOULING CHAMPIONSHIP. London, Dec. 31.—Arrangements have been made for the match between J. Stanbury, of New South Wales, and G. R. Hardinge, of England, for the championship of the world, £500 a side, to be rowed over the Thames championship course on the 16th July.

SHIPBUILDING STRIKE AT BELFAST.—AN ULTIMATUM.

London, Dec. 29.—The shipbuilding employers at Belfast have issued an ultimatum to the men on strike to the effect that unless Lord Jameson's award is accepted within a week, work will be resumed with non-union men. It is reported that there are 3000 non-union labourers ready to fill the vacant

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